

viously known as Geneva Lake, so called on account of its exceptional natural beauty, "perhaps as beautiful and romantic a situation as any in the interior of America, particularly if we include with it a marshy lake which falls into it and a noble promontory that divides them." (Topographical description of U. C. by Sir F. Gore.)

Another familiar figure often seen traversing the sands of the Beach, was the eminent pioneer land surveyor, Augustus Jones, whose list of explorations and actual first surveys in the new Province of Upper Canada is something surprising.

Augustus Jones built his house on the southern shore beach or end of the beach, now called Stoney Creek, supposed to be the site of what was known as the "Salt Works Farm." The beautiful smooth sands formed a delightful natural road over which they travelled backward and forward, making and exchanging colonial hospitalities one with the other.

Other men of note whose footprints are traceable on the sands of Peter Jones' free natural causeway, were Captain Norton, while in charge of Indian deputations, or contingents, en route to and from the Governor's headquarters, after his removal to York. The heights are especially noted in Jones' surveys, as a formation of land that in the old feudal days would have been selected by some robber chief for his castle and watch tower, whence an extensive view could be obtained in all directions of the compass—a strategic forecast fulfilled during the war of 1812-13-14, where Government had established important stores.

Think not that County Historical Societies are of fleeting value. Patriotism is one of the most powerful instincts of the human race. To keep alive an intelligent love of our country we must secure and hand down intact to our children's children the historic deeds of their ancestors. The Wentworth Historical Society has done a good deal in the way of discharging this duty which we owe to posterity; yet within this historic county there is still much to be done—many hidden threads of deepest interest to be gathered and woven into the vast web of British History.

Hamilton, June, 1904.